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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS-HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Targeted Immune Modulators

etanercept (Enbrel®)
infliximab (Remicade®) *

* Subject to expedited prior authorization for Crohn's disease.

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure. Targeted Immune Modulators are not subject to therapeutic interchange in the Washington preferred drug list. Existing safety edits will continue to apply for DSHS-HRSA.

HRSA and UMP will implement the Targeted Immune Modulators class on July 1, 2006. The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) will not be implementing this drug class as it is not part of the Workers' Compensation benefit.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (360) 923-2736 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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